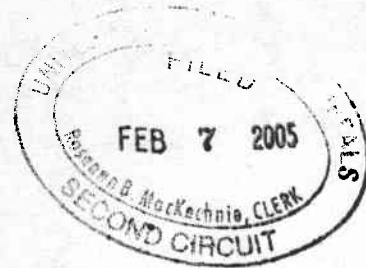


**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
for the
SECOND CIRCUIT**

**At a Stated Term of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit,
held at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse at 40 Foley Square, in the
City of New York, on the 7th day of February, two thousand and five,**

PRESENT: Hon. John M. Walker, Jr., *Chief Judge*
Hon. Dennis Jacobs
Hon. Guido Calabresi
Hon. José A. Cabranes
Hon. Chester J. Straub
Hon. Rosemary S. Pooler
Hon. Robert D. Sack
Hon. Sonia Sotomayor
Hon. Robert A. Katzmann
Hon. Barrington D. Parker, Jr.
Hon. Reena Raggi
Hon. Richard C. Wesley
Hon. Peter W. Hall



IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Local Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit are hereby amended on an interim basis by the adoption of Local Rule 29. The period for public comment on this rule extends to March 7, 2005, following which permanent adoption will be considered. Anyone wishing to comment should do so, in writing, to the Clerk of Court, 40 Foley Square, Room 1802, New York, NY, 10007.

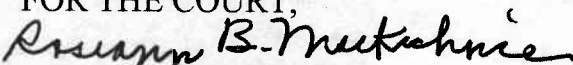
The text of the interim rule follows:

Interim Local Rule 29. Brief of an Amicus Curiae

The Court ordinarily will deny leave to file a brief for an amicus curiae where, by reason of a relationship between a judge who would hear the proceeding and the amicus or counsel for the amicus, the filing of the brief would cause the recusal of the judge.

Interim Local Rule 29 takes effect immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT,

Roseann B. MacKechnie
Clerk of Court

Date: February 7, 2005